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AMENDMENT

In response to Office Action dated April 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12-13 without prejudice.

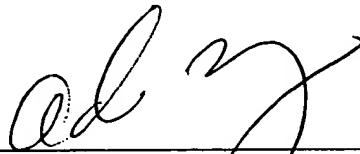
REMARKS

In an Office Action dated April 26, 2002, the Examiner required a restriction between the claims of Group I, claims 7-11 and 14-27, drawn to a method of using, classified in Class 606, subclass 213 and the claims in Group II, claims 12-13, drawn to a method of making, classified in Class 606, subclass 214.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. The claims in Group II have been canceled without prejudice herein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims in Group II, claims 12-13, in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,
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